Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Currently Amended) A lottery pooling management system comprising:

a participant interface, the participant interface being in communication with a participant computer, the participant interface being configured to ~~allow~~ increase the chances for each of a plurality of pool participants to win a lottery by enabling each of said plurality of pool participants to participate in one or more lottery pools, each lottery pool ~~having one or more~~ comprising different sets of lottery numbers respectively provided by different participants;

a lottery interface, the lottery interface being in communication with one or more lotteries and the participant interface, the lottery interface being configured to ascertain drawing results and jackpot amounts for the one or more lotteries~~, and~~ to compare the drawing results with the one or more sets of lottery numbers in the one or more lottery pools, and to recognize that a winning event has occurred when a given one of said sets of lottery numbers is a winning set for its corresponding lottery; and

a notification interface, the notification interface being in communication with the participant interface and the lottery interface, the notification interface being configured to alert said plurality of pool participants about activity in the one or more lotteries, ~~the status of the lottery pool, and~~ about the compared drawing results, and, when one of said winning

events occurs, that said plurality of pool participants are entitled to share a jackpot amount resulting from said given set of lottery numbers being a winning set.

2.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the participant interface includes a lottery pool creation module to allow ~~the~~ pool participants to respectively create new lottery pools.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the participant interface includes a ticket entry module to allow pool participants to enter tickets numbers into the lottery pools associated with the pool participants and to edit the ticket entries.

4.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the participant interface includes a participant history module to allow pool participants to track the history of numbers chosen and played by the pool participants.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the participant interface includes a second chance module to allow pool participants to replay numbers.

6.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the lottery interface is further configured to retrieve rules and regulations associated with the one or more lotteries.

7.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the lottery interface includes a ticket purchasing module to allow the system to purchase tickets for the one or more lotteries at the request of pool participants.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the activity in the one or more lotteries is a completed drawing.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the activity in the one or more lotteries is an updated jackpot amount.

10.   (Original) The system of claim 1 further including one or more databases.

11.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the one or more sets of lottery numbers.

12.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the one or more lottery pools.

13.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the pool participants.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the one or more lotteries.

15.   (Currently Amended) A method of arranging lottery pools via a global communications network comprising the steps of:

creating one or more exclusive lottery pools, each exclusive lottery pool being associated with a lottery;

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admitting a plurality of participants to each of said lottery pools to increase the chances for each of said participants to win one or more of said lotteries;

entering ~~one or more~~ plurality of sets of lottery numbers into the one or more exclusive lottery pools, ~~the one or more~~ each of said sets of lottery numbers corresponding to one ~~or more~~ of said pool participants;

retrieving drawing results and jackpot amounts from the lottery;

comparing the drawing results with the one or more sets of lottery numbers; and

notifying the ~~one or more~~ plurality of pool participants of the compared drawing results; ~~and~~ of any winning sets of numbers in any of ~~with~~ the lottery pools, and of a jackpot amount resulting from a winning set that is to be shared among the plurality of pool participants.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of creating is performed by the one or more pool participants.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of notifying is performed through electronic mail.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of alerting the pool participants about the time remaining before the lottery closes.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of alerting is performed by a varying color scheme.

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20.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the compared drawing results identify matches between the ~~one or more~~ sets of lottery numbers in the one or more lottery pools, and the drawing results of the one or more lotteries associated with the one or more lottery pools.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the matches are highlighted.

22.   (Original)   The method of claim 15 wherein the global communications network is the Internet.

23.   (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium to arrange lottery pools via a global communications network comprising:

a code segment to allow the creation of one or more exclusive lottery pools, each exclusive lottery pool being associated with a lottery;

<u>a code segment to admit each of a plurality of participants to said lottery pools to increase the chances for each of said participants to win one or more of said lotteries;</u>

a code segment to receive one or more sets of lottery numbers into the ~~one or more~~ exclusive lottery pools, <u>each of said</u> ~~the one or more~~ sets of lottery numbers corresponding to one ~~or more~~ <u>of said</u> pool participants;

a code segment to retrieve drawing results and jackpot amounts from the lottery;

a code segment to compare the drawing results with the one or more sets of lottery numbers; and

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a code segment to notify the ~~one or more~~ <u>plurality of</u> pool participants of the compared drawing results, ~~and~~ of any winning sets of numbers ~~with~~ <u>in any of</u> the lottery pools<u>, and of a jackpot amount resulting from a winning set that is to be shared among the plurality of pool participants</u>.

24.   (Original)   The computer program of claim 23 further including a code segment to purchase sets of lotteries numbers.

25.   (Original)   The computer program of claim 23 further comprising a code segment to alert the pool participants about the time remaining before the lottery closes.

26.   (Original)   The computer program of claim 25 wherein the code segment includes a code segment to vary colors presented to the participant.

27.   (Currently Amended)   The computer program of claim 23 wherein the compared drawing results identify matches between the ~~one or more~~ sets of lottery numbers in the one or more lottery pools~~,~~ and the drawing results of the one or more lotteries associated with the one or more lottery pools.

28.   (Original)   The computer program of claim 27 wherein the matches are highlighted.

29.   (Original)   The computer program of claim 23 wherein the global communications network is the Internet.

30.   (Currently Amended) A system for lottery pool management over a global communications network comprising:

one or more participant computers;

one or more lottery pool management servers, the one or more lottery pool management servers being in communication with the one or more participant computers through the global communications network; and

a lottery pool management system resident on the one or more lottery pool management servers, wherein the lottery pool management system includes:

a participant interface, the participant interface being in communication with a participant computer, the participant interface being configured to ~~allow~~ increase the chances for each of a plurality of pool participants to win a lottery by enabling each of said plurality of pool participants to participate in ~~one or more~~ different lottery pools, each lottery pool ~~having one or more~~ comprising different sets of lottery numbers respectively provided by different participants;

a lottery interface, the lottery interface being in communication with one or more lotteries and the participant interface, the lottery interface being configured to ascertain drawing results and jackpot amounts for the one or more lotteries, ~~and~~ to compare the drawing results with the one or more sets of lottery numbers in the one or more lottery pools, and to recognize that a winning event has occurred when a given one of said sets of lottery numbers is a winning set for its corresponding lottery; and

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a notification interface, the notification interface being in communication with the participant interface and the lottery interface, the notification interface being configured to alert said plurality of pool participants about activity in the one or more lotteries, ~~the status of the lottery pool, and~~ about the compared drawing results, and, when one of said winning events occurs, that said plurality of pool participants are entitled to share a jackpot amount resulting from said given set of lottery numbers being a winning set.

31.　　(Currently Amended)　The system of claim 30 wherein the participant interface includes a lottery pool creation module to allow ~~the~~ pool participants to respectively create new lottery pools.

32.　　(Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the participant interface includes a ticket entry module to allow pool participants to enter tickets numbers into the lottery pools associated with the pool participants and to edit the ticket entries.

33.　　(Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the participant interface includes a participant history module to allow pool participants to track the history of numbers chosen and played by the pool participants.

34.　　(Original) The system of claim 30 wherein the participant interface includes a second chance module to allow pool participants to replay numbers.

35.　　(Original)　The system of claim 30 wherein the lottery interface is further configured to retrieve rules and regulations associated with the one or more lotteries.

36.   (Original)   The system of claim 30 wherein the lottery interface includes a ticket purchasing module to allow the system to purchase tickets for the one or more lotteries at the request of pool participants.

37.   (Original)   The system of claim 30 wherein the activity in the one or more lotteries is a completed drawing.

38.   (Original)   The system of claim 30 wherein the activity in the one or more lotteries is an updated jackpot amount.

39.   (Original)   The system of claim 30 further including one or more databases.

40.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 4039 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the one or more sets of lottery numbers.

41.   (Original)   The system of claim 40 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the one or more lottery pools.

42.   (Original)   The system of claim 40 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the pool participants.

43.   (Original)   The system of claim 40 wherein the one or more databases contain information concerning the one or more lotteries.

44.   (Original)   The system of claim 30 wherein the global communications network is the Internet.